

REMARKS

In section 1 of the Advisory Action, the Examiner acknowledges that the 6-24-03 amendment would render claims 1-6, 13 and 15 to be allowable. Claims 1-6, 13 and 15 are the only pending claims in the present application. The Examiner asserts that the new amendment to claims 16-20 would involve further search. Although the Applicants disagree, in order to conserve time and funds, claims 16-20 have been cancelled. Thus, the Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Disagreement matter of record

In section 7 of the final Office Action, the Examiner rejects previous claims 1-3, 6, 7, 12 and 16-18 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Matteson. Further, in section 8, claim 12 is rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Qiu. In section 9, the Examiner rejects claims 7, 9, 12 and 16-18 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Clements. The Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections and wish to make their disagreement a matter of record.

However, being desirous to conserve time and funds, the Applicants agree to adopt the Examiner's recommendations. The Applicants understand that claims 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 14 and 15 will be allowed if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims.

The Applicants reserve the right to seek protection for any unclaimed

subject matter either subsequently in the prosecution of the present case or in a divisional or continuation application.

The Applicants have attempted to address all of the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action as the Applicants understand them. The Applicants believe that the Application is now in condition for allowance. If any point requires further explanation, the Examiner is invited to telephone Troy Cai at (323) 934-2300 or e-mail Troy Cai at tcai@ladasparry.com.

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